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TOWN OF BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01
Introduced by Chief Robert Althoff

A Ordinance Authorizing a Red Light Enforcement Camera Program in the Town.

WHEREAS, Maryland law allows municipalities to enact red light enforcement camera programs; Transportation Article § 21.202.1 and

WHEREAS, red light running is one of the major causes of accidents, deaths, and injuries at signalized intersections; and

WHEREAS, studies show that red light cameras significantly reduce the number of red light violations and intersection crashes; and

WHEREAS, traditional enforcement forces police officers to follow a violator through a red signal in order to cite the violator, but traffic volume and safety considerations mean that police officers can only apprehend a fraction of the violators, putting motorists and pedestrians at risk; and

WHEREAS, red light cameras provide safe and consistent enforcement at a reasonable cost, while allowing police officers to focus on other enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, Optotraffic, LLC, provides mobile red light camera systems and is willing to provide mobile red light enforcement cameras to the Town for use at traffic signals on Town streets; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to enter into an agreement with Optotraffic, LLC, for use of its mobile red light camera system to enforce red light violations; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that use of red light cameras at signalized intersections in the Town will help prevent red light running and will benefit the public's health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD THAT:

1. Red light camera enforcement, using a mobile red light camera system, is authorized at traffic signals at locations within the Town as determined by the Chief of Police. The red light

camera locations shall include, but not be limited to, the traffic signal on Rhode Island Avenue at 38th Street.

2. The Council approves and authorizes the Town to use the mobile red light camera system provided by Optotraffic, LLC, for red light camera enforcement at signalized intersections in the Town. The Town Administrator and or the Chief of Police, is authorized to enter into appropriate agreements with Optotraffic, LLC for the furnishing of labor, equipment and maintenance related to the installation and operation of a red light camera enforcement program. The Town shall pay Optotraffic, LLC a fee per paid violation, as negotiated by the Town Administrator and or the Chief of Police, which shall be Optotraffic's compensation for the provision, installation, operation, and/or maintenance of the mobile red light camera system for use at Town traffic signals.

3. The red light camera enforcement program in the Town shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD THIS 4 DAY OF May, 2016.

Attest:


C. Reginald Bagley, Town Administrator


Rocio Treminio Lopez, Mayor


Jeffrey F. Clark, Vice Mayor


Tonya Y. Harrison, Council


Regina M. Morlan, Council


Victor R. Olano, Council